

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
December 31, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
January 2002
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-01-646
Filed 12/19/01**

For gas bills issued during January 2002 MDU is decreasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$2.094 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from \$1.150 per dk to negative \$.944 per dk.

The propane price is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand and inventory levels. There is no change in the over/under-recovery surcharge adjustment.

This PGA change will decrease the January bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 20.1 dk by \$42.09. There were 284 propane customers in Hettinger as of November 30, 2001.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

M O T I O N

December 31, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
January 2002
Purchased Gas Adjustment-Propane**

Case No. PU-399-01-646

I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane
purchased gas adjustment for January 2002, Case No. PU-399-01-646.

PJF/sdh